

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 22, 2008

JOINT MEETING WITH THE LEWISTON CITY COUNCIL AND THE LEWISTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 7:00 PM

THE HONORABLE LAURENT F. GILBERT, SR., MAYOR, AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEMBER GRAFFLIN, PRESIDING

PRESENT: Mayor Gilbert, Councilors T. Peters, N. Peters, Poulin, Theriault, Bailey, Dube, Reed, City Administrator James Bennett, and City Clerk Kathleen Montejo. Also present were School Committee members Poulin, Butler, Lachance, Grafflin, Prevost, Paradis and School Superintendent Leon Levesque. Absent/Excused: School Committee members Handy and Shannon.

Mayor Gilbert and School Committee Member Grafflin welcomed everyone to the first joint meeting of the new year and then everyone introduced themselves.

A presentation was then made by two representatives from the Cool Communities Maine program. They reviewed a power point presentation and spoke of the program benefits and encouraged the city and school department to consider signing up for the program, both for environmental benefits as well as financial energy savings. Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Chip Morrison stated the Chamber is a member of the Cool Communities coalition and many Chamber members are as well. He noted that many have seen marked decreases in their fuel and other energy related costs, and encouraged the Council and School to strongly consider adopting the program.

School Superintendent Levesque then reviewed material pertaining to the school budget process and proposed related law changes. Representative Makas spoke about the status of LD 1932, a bill pending before the Legislature that would postpone implementation of some of the school consolidation items, specifically the school budget validation referendum, by one year.

Councilors and School Committee members then reviewed the list of upcoming meetings regarding the FY09 budget cycle.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor T. Peters, second by School Committee Member Paradis:

To adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Passed - Vote 7-0

A true record, Attest:

Kathleen M. Montejo, MMC
City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine